Resolution entering into a Funding Agreement with the Economic and Community Development Institute to initiate a Retail Business Incubator to develop County businesses (Economic Development & Planning Department) (\$100,000)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977, as further amended, the Subrecipient has applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for certain community development activities under the Franklin County Community Development and HOME Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 94-12 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the County's 2012 Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development acknowledging this community development need, fulfilling all requisite citizen participation requirements related to that plan and approving this allocation within; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract with the Economic & Community Development Institute will initiate a developmental program for retailers that will create jobs, help stabilize older retail corridors and provide economic opportunity for micro businesses within Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 570.503, requires that a funding agreement be executed by the grant recipient--Franklin County Commissioners--and the Economic and Community Development Institute; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio

That the attached Funding Agreement and purchase order in the amount of \$100,000 with the Economic and Community Development Institute to initiate a Retail Business Incubator to develop County businesses is hereby approved.

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